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SUBJECT: IAEA 22ND GENERAL CONFERENCE: AGENDA AND MISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR 22ND GEN CONF, AS CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT GC(XXII)/595, ALONG WITH PRELIMINARY MISSION COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS THEREON. AT PRESENT TIME, ONLY NON-ROUTINE ITEM ON AGENDA IS AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VI A.2 OF STATUTE; HOWEVER, SEVERAL "ROUTINE" ITEMS MAY BE TROUBLESOME. NUMBERING OF FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS IS KEYED TO AGENDA ITEM. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS TO USDEL TO 22ND GEN CONF. END SUMMARY.

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL
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COMMITTEE.

KEY QUESTIONS INVOLVED HERE ARE:

(A) SELECTION OF A PRESIDENT AND A CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, AND (B) RESOLUTION OF ISSUE OF INCREASED REPRESENTATION FOR AF ON GENERAL COMMITTEE.

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WITH RESPECT TO FIRST, IT IS TURN OF REGION OF AFRICA
TO PROVIDE A PRESIDENT AND REGION APPEARS TO HAVE
SELECTED MALU WA KALENGA (ZAIRE) AS ITS NOMINEE (MALU
HAS BEEN, AND WILL AGAIN BE ZAIRE'S GOVERNOR ON BOARD
AND SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF WHOLE IN 1976).
RE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF WHOLE, FOR WHICH NO COMPLETE
ROTATIONAL PATTERN HAS YET EMERGED, WE REGION IS
PUTTING FORTH CANDIDACY OF BELGIAN GOVERNOR, MSGR.
LUC GILLON AND IS CONSULTING LOCALLY WITH OTHER REGIONS.
LA AND AF CHAIRMEN HAVE ALREADY GIVEN THEIR AREA'S
SUPPORT AND NO SERIOUS PROBLEM IS FORESEEN. NOTE:
AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VI WILL BE TAKEN UP IN C.O.W.
BEFORE IT GOES TO PLENARY. SOVIET MISSION HAS JUST
SAID THEY SEE NO PROBLEM WITH GILLON.
WITH REGARD TO AF REPRESENTATION ON GENERAL COMMITTEE
IT APPEARS LIKELY (SEE VIENNA 5428), IN VIEW OF SOVIET
INTRANSIGENCE TOWARD ANY ALTERNATIVE, THAT GEN CONF
WILL ONCE AGAIN DECIDE TO SUSPEND RULE 40 TO PROVIDE
FOR ADDITIONAL ONE OR TWO AF MEMBERS. WE THEREFORE
SEE NO FEASIBLE COURSE CONSISTENT WITH PROCEEDING
WITH WORK OF GEN CONF OTHER THAN TO AD HOC IT ONCE
AGAIN.

RECOMMENDATION: AUTHORIZATION FOR USDEL TO SUPPORT
MALU AS PRESIDENT, AND GILLON AS C.O.W. CHAIRMAN, TO
JOIN CONSENSUS IN APPROVING REMAINDER OF SLATE, AS IT
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MAY EMERGE, AND TO JOIN CONSENSUS SUSPENDING RULE 40
TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL AF SEAT(S).

2. STATEMENT BY DIRECTOR GENERAL

NO ACTION REQUIRED, WILL FORWARD TEXT WHEN AVAILABLE.

3. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONFERENCE.

(A) ADOPTION OF AGENDA: ASSUMING PROVISIONAL AGENDA
REMAINS UNCHANGED AND NO SURPRISES DEVELOP (AND WE
ANTICIPATE NONE), USDEL PROPOSES JOIN REST OF GENERAL
COMMITTEE IN RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF GC(XXII)/595
AND USUAL ALLOCATION OF ITEMS FOR INITIAL DISCUSSION.

(B) CLOSING DATE OF SESSION

IT IS EXPECTED THAT GENERAL COMMITTEE WILL APPROVE
PROPOSAL BY PRESIDENT THAT SESSION CONCLUDE ITS BUSINESS
ON FRIDAY, SEPT 22. USDEL WILL JOIN IN APPROVAL.

(C) TWENTY-THIRD (1979) REGULAR SESSION

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IN ADDITION TO FIXING OPENING DATE OF 23RD SESSION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE, GENERAL COMMITTEE WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO PLENARY ON ANTICIPATED INVITATION FROM INDIA TO HOLD NEXT SESSION IN NEW DELHI. RECOMMEND US REP ON GENERAL COMMITTEE BE AUTHORIZED JOIN IN CONSENSUS OF APPROVAL, EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR GOI INVITATION BUT NOTING THAT 20TH GEN CONF WAS HELD IN RIO AND OUR PREFERENCE THAT SESSIONS OF GEN CONF HELD OUTSIDE HEADQUARTERS CITY TAKE PLACE LESS FREQUENTLY.

4. GENERAL DEBATE AND ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1977.

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NO ACTION NECESSARY. MISSION TRUSTS IT WILL BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY AS IN PAST TO COMMENT ON TEXT OF ADDRESS OF US DELEGATE WHO, AS REPORTED VIENNA 6488, HAS BEEN INSCRIBED AS FIRST SPEAKER.

5. AGENCY'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1977, AND

6. AGENCY'S BUDGET FOR 1978

MISSION INTENDS JOIN IN CONSENSUS APPROVING REPORT OF

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AGENCY'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1977 AND REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET EXPENDITURE FOR CURRENT YEAR. NO ADDITIONAL ASSESS-MENT OF MEMBERS IS BEING PROPOSED.

7. AGENCY'S PROGRAM FOR 1979-84 AND BUDGET FOR 1979

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WHEN DISTRIBUTED, BUDGET DOCUMENT SUBMITTED TO GEN CONF WILL CONTAIN PROPOSALS DESCRIBED IN VIENNA 5308 AND 5504 WHICH WERE APPROVED BY BOARD JUNE 15. WE ANTICIPATE ACCEPTANCE BUT NOT AFTER SERIES OF STATEMENTS FOR RECORD IN COMMITTEE OF WHOLE DEPLORING LARGE INCREASE IN AGENCY EXPENDITURES, IMBALANCE BETWEEN EXPENSES FOR SAFEGUARDS AND FOR TA, ETC. US REP SHOULD BE PREPARED TO BALANCE DISCUSSION WITH STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED BUDGET.

8. SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 1979

ACCORDING TO SECRETARIAT (ABBADESSA), DG'S PROPOSED SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 1979 WILL REVEAL THAT SEVEN OF EIGHT MEMBER STATES WHICH THIS YEAR ARE SHIELDED FROM PAYING FULL SHARE TOWARD SAFEGUARDS EXPENSES WILL LOSE THAT STATU5 IN 1979 (USSR, UKRAINE, BYELORUSSIA, ITALY, HOLY SEE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IRELAND). ACCORDING TT PRELIMINAAY ESTIMATE, RESULT WILL BE THAT US WILL BE ASSESSED AT RATE OF 27.75 PER CENT TOWARD SAFEGUARDS EXXEN5ES (AS COMPARED TO 29.9 PER CENT FOR CURRENT YEAR) OR $4,637,060 AND 25 PER CENT TOWARD NON-SAFEGUARDS EXPENSES, OR $11,203,000 FOR TOTAL OF $15,840,060 AT OVEEALL RATE OF ASSESSMENT OF 25.75 PER CENT (AS COMMAAED TO OVERALL RATE OF 26.29 PER CENT FOR CURRENT YEAR). MISSION INTENDS SUPPORT DIR GEN'S PROPOSALS.

9. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VI A.2 OF STATUTE

BARRING UNFORESEEN (AND UNLIKELY) WEAKENING IN RANKS OF THOSE OPPOSED TO BOARD EXPANSION, MISSION INTENDS, IN ACCORDANCE PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS, TO OPPOSE VIGOROUSLY ANY PROPOSAL TO ENLARGE BOARD AND, TO EXTENT FEASIBLE,
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ANY PROPOSAL WHICH MAY BE PUT FORWARD FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE GENERAL REVIEW OF ARTICLE VI.

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10. EXAMINATION OF CREDENTIALS

WE ANTICIPATE THAT GENERAL COMMITTEE, FOLLOWING CHALLENGES FOR RECORD TO CREDENTIALS OF CERTAIN STATES (E.G. SOUTH AFRICA, CHILE), WILL FOLLOW USUAL PRACTICE OF ACCEPTING DIR GEN'S PROPOSAL THAT ALL DELEGATIONS BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN GEN CONF ON UNDER-STANDING THAT PROPER CREDENTIALS WILL BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. US REP SHOULD BE PREPARED TO BALANCE DISCUSSION WITH BRIEF STATEMENT NOTING THAT POLITICAL ORIENTATION OF MEMBER STATES SHOULD HAVE NO BEARING ON QUESTION OF PROPER CREDENTIALS. MISSION TRUSTS THAT AT TIME SUCH STATEMENT MAY BE MADE, CREDENTIALS OF US DELEGATE WILL HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED IN GOOD ORDER (VIENNA 5809).

11. ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS

IN VIENNA A-163, MISSION REPORTED STATUS OF CANDIDACY FOR ELEVEN IMPENDING VACANCIES ON BOARD, NOTING THAT THERE ARE CURRENTLY FIVE CANDIDATES FOR ONLY THREE VACANCIES FOR THE LA REGION. MISSION TRUSTS USDEL WILL BE AUTHORIZED AS IN PAST TO SUPPORT THOSE STATES WHICH,

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AT TIME OF BALLOTTING, APPEAR TO ENJOY CONSENSUS OR
PLURALITY OO SUPPORT WITHIN REGION.

12. ELECTIONS TO STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE

ROUTINE ITEM. USDEL SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED SUPPORT
CONSENSUS CANDIDATES.

13. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO GENERAL FUND FOR 1979

PLEDGES OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND
FOR 1979 WILL BE INVITED AND DIR GEN IS EXPECTED TO
GIVE EROGRESS REPOOT. MISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT US WILL
PROBABLY NOT RRT NOT BE IN POSITION TO PLEDGE AT THE
GEN CONF. NO INSTRUCTIONS REQUIRED.

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14. MISSION WILL UPDATE THIS MESSAGE AS APPROPRIATE.
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